
Social work professionals are community problem solvers who assess and intervene on multiple levels including organizational settings, communities, social service agencies, groups, individuals, and families. Social workers have social justice goals of enhancing health and well-being and promoting social, economic, and environmental justice.

Employment Opportunities:

• Child Welfare
• Public Health
• Family Services
• Gerontology
• Behavioral Health
• Policy/Legislative Work
• Mental Health
• Addictions
• Medical/Health
• School Social Work

The Social Work curriculum focuses on the practical application of social work principles, research, policies, and practices within human rights and social justice perspectives. Students acquire professional social work knowledge-based skills and values transferable to different settings, population groups, and problem areas. Students apply a person-in-environment lens to engage and intervene with social systems locally, nationally, and globally. Several practical experiences are required through intensive internship programs. Both the BSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (https://www.cswe.org/).

Undergraduate Major

• Major in Social Work (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/social-work-major/)
  • Addictions Counseling Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/social-work-major/addictions-counseling-concentration/)

Graduate Programs in Social Work

The School of Social Work offers an M.S.W. degree and a Ph.D. in Social Work. The MSW degree is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, with an emphasis in advanced generalist practice. The Ph.D. prepares students for academic positions or for careers in research. Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/) and the School of Social Work (http://www.ssw.chhs.colostate.edu/).

Certificates

• Advanced Clinical Behavioral Health (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/graduate-certificate-advanced-clinical-behavioral-health/)
• Conflict Resolution and Mediation (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/graduate-certificate-conflict-resolution-mediation/)
• Nonprofit Administration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/graduate-certificate-nonprofit-administration/)
• PreK-12 School Social Worker (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/graduate-certificate-prek12-school-social-worker/)
• Social Aspects of Human-Animal Interaction (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/graduate-certificate-social-aspects-human-animal-interaction/)

Master’s Programs

• Master of Social Work (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/health-human-sciences/school-of-social-work/msw/)
• Master of Addiction Counseling in Psychology and Social Work (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-
Courses

Social Work (SOWK)

SOWK 110  Contemporary Social Welfare  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Principles, values and institutions of U.S. social welfare in context of human need within family, groups, and society. 
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 120  Academic and Career Success  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Skills for general academic success, personal growth, self-management, and knowledge of campus/community resources. Examination of professional opportunities within the field of social work.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Undergraduate social work majors only. This may be offered as a partial semester course. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both SOWK 120 and SOWK 280A1.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 130  Identity, Power, and Social Justice (GT-SS3)  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Knowledge of historic atrocities and injustices that continue to shape socialization, perpetuating oppression and normalizing power based on identity. Discussion of identity, privilege, oppression, intersectionality, and social location applied to race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and religion. Application of social justice practices to advocate for equity and inclusion of all people.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 1C, Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks (GT-SS3).

SOWK 150  Introduction to Social Work  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Introduction to generalist social work, including the history of social welfare in the U.S. and the knowledge, values, skills, practice settings, and populations served across the profession with special emphasis on vulnerable groups. The broad range of theoretical approaches and intervention strategies required are introduced. Practice roles discussed are advocate, broker, counselor, mediator, researcher, and community change agent.
Prerequisite: (PSY 100, may be taken concurrently) and (SOC 100, may be taken concurrently or SOC 105, may be taken concurrently).
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Undergraduate social work majors only. Must register for lecture and practicum.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 286A  Practicum I  Credits: 3 (2-0-2)
Course Description: Introductory social work practice skills in communication, relationship development, and professional behavior in the community setting.
Prerequisite: SOWK 150 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Social Work majors only. Must register for lecture and practicum.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 286B  Practicum II  Credits: 3 (2-0-2)
Course Description: Introductory social work practice skills in communication, relationship development, and professional behavior in the community setting.
Prerequisite: SOWK 286A with a minimum grade of C.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Social Work majors only. Must register for lecture and practicum.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 300  Research in Applied Professions  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Basic understanding of the research process and research methodologies, including skill in finding, understanding, interpreting, and applying research findings using critical thinking skills. Major emphasis on the steps and procedures to investigate various social problems and interventions that are central to contemporary social work practice while learning how research can be used to improve social work practice and to foster social and economic justice.
Prerequisite: SOC 210, may be taken concurrently or STAT 100, may be taken concurrently or STAT 201, may be taken concurrently or STAT 301, may be taken concurrently or STAT 311, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC 1B Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
Term Offered: Fall. Spring. Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 330 Dismantling Privilege and Oppression Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Knowledge and skill in deconstructing one's own identity, privilege and oppression to apply that process of understanding to a client's unique intersecting identities creating culturally sensitive social work practices.
Prerequisite: SOWK 286A with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Social Work majors only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 333 Human Behavior in the Social Environment Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Historic and contemporary theoretical foundations as contributions to practice knowledge in social work. Uses ecological systems theory as organizing frameworks with critical thinking as a skill for identifying and challenging assumptions. Understanding human behavior theory relevant to social work practice.
Prerequisite: HDFS 101, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 286A with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 330 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Credit not allowed for both SOWK 233 and SOWK 333. Social Work majors only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 340 Generalist Practice-Individuals and Families Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Knowledge and techniques used in applying the generalist planned change process to individual and family system assessments and interventions.
Prerequisite: SOWK 286B with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Progression into the major is required prior to registration.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 341 Generalist Practice-Small Groups Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge, skills and competencies needed for the planned change process in groups within a generalist framework.
Prerequisite: SOWK 340 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 343 Generalist Practice-Organizations Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Knowledge, values, and skills for the planned change process with organizations.
Prerequisite: SOWK 340 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: ETST 352.
Course Description: Historical and contemporary lives of women, children, and tribal communities.
Prerequisite: ETST 100 to 299 - at least 3 credits or WS 200.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 352 and SOWK 352.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 370 Addictions - A Social Work Perspective Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Applying a bio-psychosocial lens to the system of addictions and substance abuse from a social work perspective.
Prerequisite: HDFS 101 or PSY 100.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing. Must register for lecture and recitation. Credit not allowed for SOWK 370 and SOWK 371D.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 371A Fields of Practice: Child Protection Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: The evolution of the child welfare system, including the current models, practices, and skills used to protect children and support families.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC category 3C required.
Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 371B Fields of Practice: Juvenile Justice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: History, approaches, theories, and social work practices in the juvenile justice system with a focus on inequity and social justice.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC category 3C required.
Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 371C Fields of Practice: Criminal Justice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: History, approaches, theories, and social work practices in the adult justice system with a focus on inequity and social justice.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC category 3C required.
Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 371E Fields of Practice: Social Gerontology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Application of practice processes in the field of gerontology, including the current models, practices, and skills used in the profession.
Prerequisite: HDFS 101 or PSY 100 or SOC 100.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 384 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-5] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Assist instructor in teaching selected classes, group training, or discussion group leadership.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: A maximum of 10 combined credits for all 384 and 484 courses are counted towards graduation requirements.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 400 Generalist Practice-Communities  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Knowledge and skills to engage with communities, create culturally sensitive change, and evaluate the planned change process.
Prerequisite: SOWK 343 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently.
Restrictions: Must not be a: Freshman. Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Social Work majors only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 410 Social Welfare - Policy, Issues, and Advocacy  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Issues and processes shaping social welfare institutions; definitions of social welfare policy; analytical framework for policy analysis.
Prerequisite: (POLS 101 or POLS 103) and (SOWK 400 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently).
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 450 International Social Welfare and Development  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Also Offered As: IE 450.
Course Description: Framework of social welfare and development in international area; social need with focus on cultures/countries in transition.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Credit not allowed for both SOWK 450 and IE 450.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 482A Social Work in Costa Rica  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: International social work practice through exposure to culturally diverse communities in Costa Rica. Examine social problems, social action, and social injustice in the context of global interdependence.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Enrollment in Bachelor of Social Work or Master of Social Work degree program. Completed letter of application.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 482B Study Abroad: Social Work in India  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: International social work practice through exposure to culturally diverse communities in India. Examine social problems, social action, and social injustice in the context of global interdependence.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Open to all majors. Completed letter of application.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 488 Field Placement  Credits: Var[2-10] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Integrate and apply social work competencies (Council on Social Work Education accreditation standards) learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting for field education. Demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for beginning social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: SOWK 300 and SOWK 341 and SOWK 330 and SOWK 410, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Maximum of 10 credits allowed in course.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

SOWK 492 Seminar  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Integrates the knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes, and behaviors, that develop social work competency while in field placement.
Prerequisite: SOWK 488, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Junior standing.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 495 Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-12] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 496 Group Study  Credits: Var[1-12] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 500  Principles and Philosophy of Social Work  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Establish larger framework for graduate social work study, and beginning professional practice. Provide an understanding of the nature, history, values, ethics, and practice contexts for social work. Evaluate their goodness-of-fit with the profession, the knowledge base required, and the diverse people, organizations, and communities served by social work.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Admission to the MSW program. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 511  Small Systems Practice Skills  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Foundational practice knowledge and skills for engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with individuals and families within a systems framework.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 515, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 515  Theoretical Foundations for Social Work  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Historical and contemporary theoretical foundations for social work practice. Ecological and systems theories are presented as organizing frameworks and critical thinking is developed as a skill for identifying and challenging assumptions.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 520  Social Welfare Policy and Advocacy  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Analysis of how social welfare policies affect the well-being of people and the tools that can be used to advocate for social change.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Graduate cooperative program.
Registration Information: Admission to the MSW program. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 530  Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Developing anti-oppressive practice with a focus on multiculturalism and social justice advocacy. Critically evaluate personal traits, attitudes and values regarding diversity and identity formation while exploring theoretical frameworks for understanding oppression. Analyze the relationships among power, privilege and oppression. Acquiring strategies for combating injustice.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Graduate cooperative program.
Registration Information: Admission to MSW program. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 550  Animal Assisted Therapy and Human-Animal Bond  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: The nature of the human-animal bond and animal-assisted interventions including animal-assisted activities and animal-assisted therapy presented as intervention methods. Includes various theories, protocols, and therapeutic practice methodologies with people across the lifespan.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 551  Fundamentals of Mediation  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge and skills essential to the successful application of mediation for a wide variety of interpersonal conflicts.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Bachelor’s degree. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 552  Conflict Management: Health and Elder Care  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge, values and skills necessary for the practice of conflict resolution in healthcare and eldercare settings.
Prerequisite: SOWK 551.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 553  Multi-Party Conflict Resolution  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Theories, models, and skills required for design and guidance of multi-party conflict resolution in group, community and organizational settings.
Prerequisite: SOWK 551.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 554 Conflict Resolution in the Workplace  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge, values and skills necessary for the practice of conflict resolution in the workplace.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 555 Divorce and Family Mediation  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge and skills essential to the practice of family mediation including divorce and child custody.
Prerequisite: SOWK 551.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 556 Social Work Practice in Schools  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Knowledge and skills essential to the practice of social work in educational settings. Topics include historical, legal, structural, and cultural context of practice in schools, the impact of disability on an individual and a family including special education processes and law, current issues challenging the practitioner in school settings, specific assessment practices covering Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and development of Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP).
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Terms Offered: Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 557 Human-Animal Interventions--Grief and Loss  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Knowledge, values, and skills to engage, assess, and intervene with animal caregivers and animal care workers for grief and loss of animals and how animals can mitigate grief and loss.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 558 Field Placement  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Students integrate and apply professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting for 270 hours of field education. Students will demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for beginning social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 511 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 515 and SOWK 530, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Maximum of 6 credits allowed.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

SOWK 559 Workshop  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Students integrate and apply professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting for 270 hours of field education. Students will demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for beginning social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 560 Conflict Resolution in the Workplace  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Knowledge, values and skills necessary for the practice of conflict resolution in the workplace.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 561 Exceptionalities in Education  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Comprehensive look at the school social worker role in identifying, assessing and intervening with students who have an exceptionality in the educational system in collaboration with other school based professionals. Students will be able to operationalize the different disability categories while assessing social work service provision and advocacy.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 562 Functional Behavior Assessment  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Functional behavioral assessments (FBA) and behavior intervention plans (BIP) within the educational settings are an integral part of the school social worker role. Develop the knowledge and skills essential to identify the necessary components of the FBA/ BIP and implement a three-tiered prevention model of assessment and intervention in alignment with Colorado Department of Education (CDE) standards. Apply best practice techniques and demonstrate vital data collection.
Prerequisite: SOWK 560.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 588 Field Placement  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Students integrate and apply professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting for 270 hours of field education. Students will demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for beginning social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 511 with a minimum grade of C, may be taken concurrently and SOWK 515 and SOWK 530, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Maximum of 6 credits allowed.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

SOWK 590 Workshop  Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Students integrate and apply professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting for 270 hours of field education. Students will demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for beginning social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 592 Integrative Foundation Field Seminar  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Integration of field placement experiences with foundation year MSW knowledge to enhance skills and shape social work best practices. Each session will focus on integrating students’ field placement experiences with knowledge, values, skills, behaviors, and cognitive and affective processes for professional social work practice.
Prerequisite: SOWK 500 with a minimum grade of C and SOWK 515 with a minimum grade of C and SOWK 588, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
**SOWK 600  Methods of Research  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Emphasis on delivering evidence-based practice as well as conducting research to improve social work practice and policy by being effective consumers of research for social work practice and understanding diverse research types, study designs, sampling, measures, and research ethics.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Admission to the Advanced Standing MSW program. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 601  Methods of Research II  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)**

**Course Description:** Data analysis, computer processing in social work research, and methods for evaluating one's own practice.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 600.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 603A  Direct Practice: Assessment and Evaluation  Credits: 2 (0-0-2)**

**Course Description:** Selection and application of techniques for monitoring and evaluating interventions with individuals, families, and groups.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 601.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must have concurrent registration in SOWK 688.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** S/U Sat/Unsat Only.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 603B  Direct Practice: Assessment and Evaluation  Credits: 2 (0-0-2)**

**Course Description:** Selection and application of techniques for monitoring and evaluating interventions with individuals, families, and groups.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 603A.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must have concurrent registration in SOWK 688.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** S/U Sat/Unsat Only.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 630  Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)**

**Course Description:** Knowledge, values, and skills to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate individuals using an advanced generalist practice approach.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 588 and SOWK 592, may be taken concurrently.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must complete SOWK 588 and SOWK 592 or be admitted to the Advanced Standing MSW program. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 631  Advanced Community Practice  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)**

**Course Description:** Preparing students to engage in and lead community practice that improves the well-being of individuals, families and communities; positively impacts the availability and impact of services and service delivery systems; and seeks to achieve social, economic, and environmental justice.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 588 and SOWK 592, may be taken concurrently.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must complete SOWK 588 and SOWK 592 or be admitted to the Advanced Standing MSW program. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 633  Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare Policy  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)**

**Course Description:** Application of social welfare policy analysis models, normative aspects of policy analysis and assessment skills.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 588 and SOWK 592, may be taken concurrently.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Graduate cooperative program, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must complete SOWK 588 and SOWK 592 or be admitted to the Advanced Standing MSW program. Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**SOWK 634  Advanced Practice with Families and Groups  Credits: 3 (1-0-2)**

**Course Description:** Apply engagement, assessment, and intervention skills, theoretical models, and evidence-based practice approaches in work with families and groups.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 630.

**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

**Registration Information:** Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.
SOWK 642  Clinical Intervention with Military Personnel  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Clinical framework for working with members of the military including active duty, veterans, and military families, applied to examine common diagnoses and effective interventions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, and suicide. Cognitive behavioral therapy, reactive exposure behavioral therapy, exposure therapy, rehabilitation, animal-assisted therapy, and additional therapies will be investigated.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 660  Nonprofit Program Development  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Application of the tools, knowledge, and understanding of how to provide strength-based nonprofit program development and management.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 661  Nonprofit Financial Development  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Application of the tools, knowledge, and understanding of how to provide strength-based nonprofit financial development.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 662  Nonprofit Volunteer Development & Management  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Theoretical framework for understanding volunteerism and practice skills for building and managing an effective volunteer program.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 676  Psychopharmacology and Community Health  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Foundation in psychopharmacology (i.e. prescribed psychotropic drugs) for non-medically trained professionals practicing in behavioral health.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Bachelor's degree. Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 677  Trauma-Informed Care  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Establishes a foundation for providing trauma mental health services to individuals, families, groups and organizations.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Bachelor's degree. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 678  Social Work Skills for Addictions Practice  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Course Description: Uses a biopsychosocial framework to explore substance use and the social problem of addictions. Introduction to assessment and intervention skills for addiction services within social work practice from micro to macro systems.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both SOWK 581A1 and SOWK 678.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 684  Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-5] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Instruct and apply advanced generalist professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting completing 675 hours. Demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for advanced generalist social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: SOWK 592 and SOWK 500 with a minimum grade of C and SOWK 511 and SOWK 515 and SOWK 520 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 588 with a minimum grade of S.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Admission to the Advanced Standing MSW program or SOWK 500 with a C or better; SOWK 511; SOWK 515; SOWK 520; SOWK 530; SOWK 588 with an S grade; SOWK 592. Maximum of 15 credits allowed in course.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 688  Field Placement  Credits: Var[1-10] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Integrate and apply advanced generalist professional competencies learned across coursework through direct practice in an agency setting completing 675 hours. Demonstrate competency in professional knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes for advanced generalist social work practitioners.
Prerequisite: SOWK 592 and SOWK 500 with a minimum grade of C and SOWK 511 and SOWK 515 and SOWK 520 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 588 with a minimum grade of S.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Admission to the Advanced Standing MSW program or SOWK 500 with a C or better; SOWK 511; SOWK 515; SOWK 520; SOWK 530; SOWK 588 with an S grade; SOWK 592. Maximum of 15 credits allowed in course.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

SOWK 695  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 696 Group Study Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 698 Advanced Research and Social Work Capstone Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Applied research project designed and implemented in groups to culminate knowledge and skill application. May be conducted with field agency, a community organization, or in alignment with specific School of Social Work faculty research. Groups will evaluate, research, and/or analyze a topic relevant to social work practice at the micro, mezzo, or macro level.
Prerequisite: SOWK 600 with a minimum grade of C.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation. Sections may be offered: Face-to-Face or Mixed Face-to-Face.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 699 Thesis Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 701 Contemporary Issues in Social Work Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Issues and trends currently impacting social work research, professional education, and practice.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Admission to the School of Social Work PhD Program.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 702 Social Welfare Policy Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Social policy analysis and impact on social welfare systems and programs.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 703 Pedagogical Approaches in Social Work Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Pedagogy and practices for teaching social work curriculum.
Prerequisite: SOWK 701.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Admission to the School of Social Work PhD Program. Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 704 Theory for Applied Social Sciences Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Nature and processes of theory building in social sciences. Issues of epistemology, logic, political and moral philosophy.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 705 Systematic Research for Scientific Inquiry Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Systematic research in areas of interest that summarizes findings from available studies and provides a critique of the current body of evidence in this area.
Prerequisite: SOWK 701.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Admission to the School of Social Work PhD Program. Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 706 Advanced Research Methods for Social Work Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Qualitative and quantitative social work research methods centered on anti-oppressive and anti-racist frameworks. Topics include ethics and power in research; developing research questions and hypotheses that advance anti-oppressive practice and policy in the field; research designs; sampling and measurement consideration from an anti-oppressive lens; critiquing and evaluating research from an anti-oppressive framework.
Prerequisite: SOWK 701, may be taken concurrently.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 784 Supervised College Teaching Credits: Var[1-4] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 786 Research Practicum Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: SOWK 701 and EDRM 700 and EDRM 704.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 792 Seminar Credits: Var[1-4] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: SOWK 701.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
SOWK 795  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

SOWK 799  Dissertation  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.